

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



1968

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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September, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the district for the year 1968. This has been prepared so far as possible according to the lines indicated in Circular 1/69, dated 1st January, 1969, from the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Segerdal, who had acted as your Medical Officer of Health for many years, continued in office until 31st March, 1968, and died the following month. Thereafter I was appointed to succeed him as from 14th May, 1968. I have to thank the members of the Council and the staff generally for their kindness and consideration, and, in particular, I would like sincerely to thank all the members of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance since my appointment.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON.

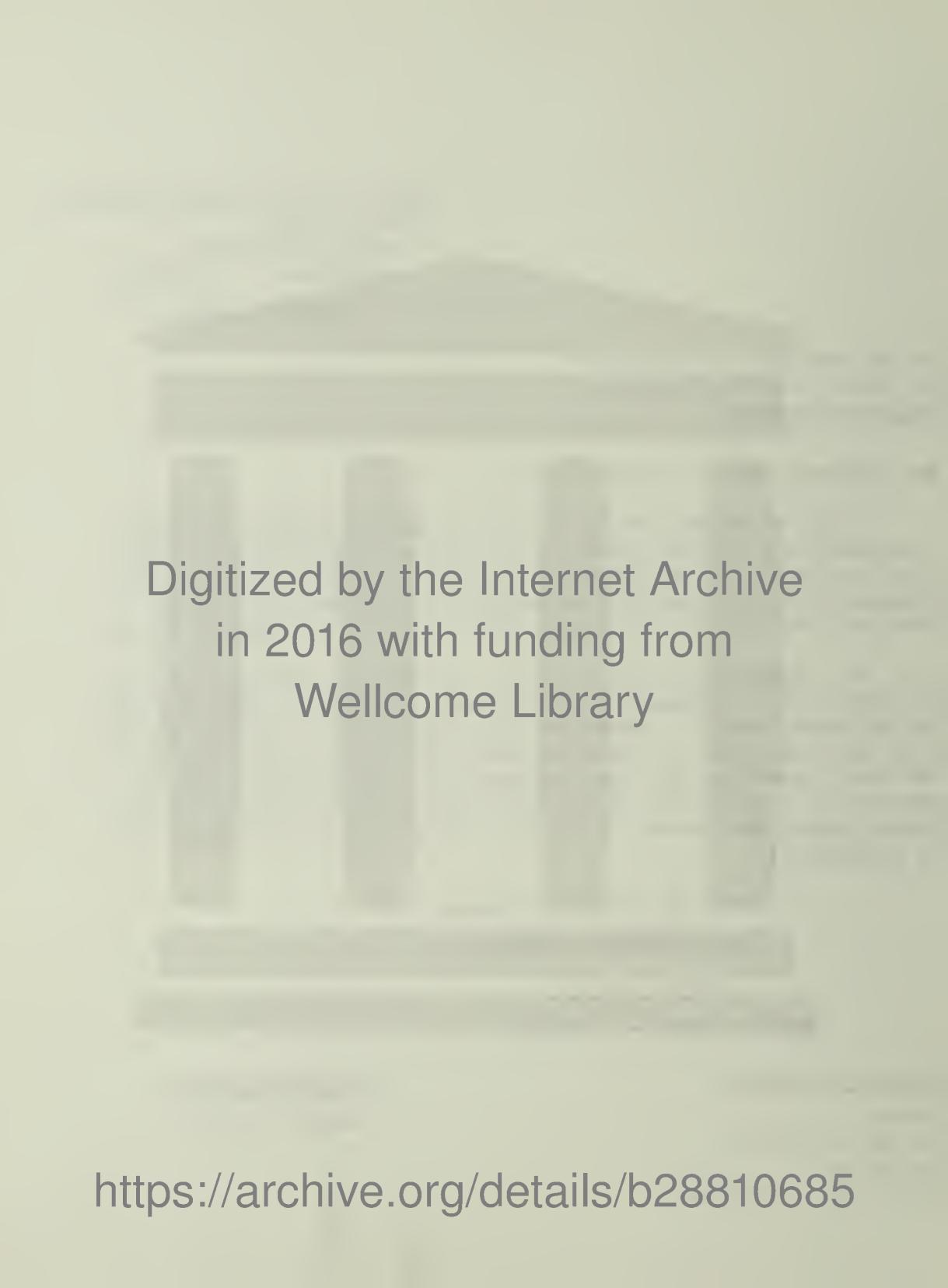
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Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area, (in acres).	28,267
Resident Population, (R.G.'s estimate).	13,670
Number of occupied dwellings.	4,961
Number of occupied Council houses.	1,338
Rateable value, (1st April, 1968).	£ 462,563
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£ 1,940

VITAL STATISTICS.Live Births.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1968.</u>	<u>1967.</u>	<u>England & Wales 1968.</u>
Legitimate.	100	92	192			
Illegitimate.	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>			
	<u>101</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>196</u>	196	219	
Crude Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				14.3	15.9	16.9
Adjusted Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				14.5	16.2	
Ratio of local Adjusted Birth rate to National rate.				.86	.94	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.				2.00	3.2	

Still Births.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>			
Legitimate.	5	1	6			
Illegitimate.	0	0	0			
	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	6	2	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births.				29.7	9.0	14

Total Live and Still Births.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1968.</u>	<u>1967.</u>	<u>England & Wales 1968.</u>
Legitimate.	105	93	198			
Illegitimate.	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>			
	<u>106</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>202</u>	202	221	

Deaths of Infants (under one year).

Legitimate.	2	0	2		
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	2	4

Deaths of Infants (under 4 weeks of age).

Legitimate.	2	0	2		
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	2	

Deaths of Infants (under 1 week of age).

Legitimate.	2	0	2		
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	2	

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.	10	18	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.	10.4	18.8	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	0	0	
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).</u>	10	13.7	12.3
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)</u>	10	9.1	10.5
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births).</u>	40	18.0	25

	<u>1968.</u>	<u>1967.</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u> <u>1968.</u>
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion).

Number of deaths.	0	0	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	0	0	

Deaths.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>		
	<u>88</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>157</u>		
Crude death rate per 1,000 population.				11.5	9.9
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.				12.3	10.7
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.				1.03	.95

(The area comparability factors are : Births - 1.02 and
Deaths - 1.07 These figures have been used where
applicable in calculating the rate given above).

Births.

196 births - 101 males and 95 females - were registered
during the year. Of these, 32 births - 15 males and 17 females,
occurred within the district, so that 164 births took place
outside the area. The adjusted birth rate at 14.5 was lower
than last year, (16.2), and lower than that for England and
Wales, (16.9). The percentage of illegitimate live births was
2, compared with 3.2 for 1967, and is much lower than that for
the country as a whole. Unfortunately there was an appreciable
rise in the number of still births, and the local rate, (29.7),
compares unfavourably with that for last year, (9), and with
that for England and Wales, (14).

Deaths.

In 1967 there were 136 deaths in the district, this year
157. The death rate this year is 12.3, higher than that for
1967, (10.7), and higher than that for England and Wales, (11.9),

97 deaths - 49 males and 48 females, were registered as having taken place within the Rural District and of these 6 - 3 males and 3 females - were of persons not normally resident in the area. 66 people - 42 males and 24 females - resident in the area died outside the area. The table below summarises the position.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Registered in Rural District.	49	48	97
Transferred out.	3	3	6
	<u>46</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>91</u>
Transferred in.	42	24	66
Totals.	<u>88</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>157</u>

The deaths of those who died outside the district occurred mainly in Burton-on-Trent General Hospital; Markfield Hospital; The General Hospital, Leicester; Ashby and District Hospital; and Groby Road Hospital, Leicester. 4 were actually dead on arrival at hospital.

Infantile Mortality.

Two deaths occurred in children under one year of age, and, in fact, both deaths occurred under one week. The infantile mortality rate was 10, a very satisfactory figure, and lower than the rate for last year, (18), and for the country as a whole this year, (18). The peri-natal mortality rate, however, which refers to deaths under one week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births, was well up on last year - 40 compared with 18 - and was much higher than the rate for England and Wales, (25). One death was due to prematurity and occurred in hospital, whilst the other, which occurred at home, was associated with multiple congenital deformities. Both babies were only a few hours old when they died.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE.

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS.								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Meningococcal Infection.	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms &c.	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4
Diabetes Mellitus.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Disorders.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	4	5
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Cerebrovascular Disease.	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	10
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	6
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema.	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Peptic Ulcer.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill-defined Conditions.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes.	M	88	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	23	15	41
	F	69	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	10	22	35

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There are no hospitals in the area but one of the Cheshire Homes for the Sick is located at Staunton Harold and is substantially supported by voluntary contributions and assisted in various ways by voluntary organisations.

General medical, dental and ophthalmic services are administered by the Leicestershire and Rutland Executive Council, 130 Regent Road, Leicester. One of the practices in the area has established a purpose built health centre, where patients are seen by appointment, and where, in co-operation with the Leicestershire County Council, Child Welfare Clinics are held twice monthly, Health Visitors and district nurses are attached to the Centre, and Ante-natal Clinics are held frequently, as well as relaxation classes, etc. This is an interesting development in the Health Service field and a pointer to the increasing liaison which is taking place between the various branches of the National Health Service.

The County Council provides most of the other medical services, e.g. the Domestic Help Service, administered from an area office in Coalville; Home Nursing; Domiciliary Midwifery; and Ambulance services, with area headquarters in Coalville. Child Welfare Clinics are also held twice a month at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira, and at the Baptist Chapel, Brook Street, ~~Ashby-de-la-Zouch~~, on Thursday afternoons, whilst relaxation classes are conducted at the Ivanhoe Community College, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on most Wednesday mornings. The consultant ante-natal clinic previously available at Coalville has been discontinued owing to lack of demand.

Stocks of maternity packs are held at the Council Offices, South Street, ~~Ashby-de-la-Zouch~~, and are available to residents of the surrounding areas generally on production of a doctor's or midwife's certificate.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases during 1968.

43 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, as below :

Age.	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	1	-	-	-	-
1 to 2	1	2	-	-	-	-
2 to 3	1	3	-	-	-	-
3 to 4	-	2	-	-	-	-
4 to 5	5	3	-	-	-	1
5 to 9	5	7	-	1	-	-
10 to 14	-	-	-	1	-	-
15 to 24	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	13	18	-	2	-	1
Total - both sexes.	31		2		1	

Age.	Infective Jaundice.		Tuberculosis.					
			Respiratory.		Meninges. & C.N.S.		Other.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years.	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
25 - 34 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years.	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 75 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	3	1	2	1	-	-	1	-
Total - both sexes.		4		3			1	

In addition one case of Puerperal Pyrexia was notified.

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases
in each Parish during year 1968.

Parish.	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis		Infective Hepatitis	Puerperal Pyrexia	Total.
				Resp:	Others			
Appleby Magna.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bardon.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Chilcote.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleorton.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Heather.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measham.	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	6
Normanton-le-Heath.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Osgathorpe.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Packington.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ravenstone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snarestone.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Staunton Harold.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stretton-en-le-Field.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swannington.	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	5
Swepstone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Worthington.	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	10
Totals.	31	1	2	3	1	4	1	43

The Infective Jaundice Regulations, 1968, came into force on 15th June, 1968, thus making this disease notifiable in the district for the first time. Arising out of this, if on enquiry, a patient suffering from the disease is found to be a blood donor, the Blood Transfusion Service is to be notified and that person will be resigned from the panel of donors. If a house contact of a case is a blood donor again the Blood Transfusion Service is to be notified and such a person will not be allowed to give blood for about 6 months thereafter and only then after thorough investigation into his subsequent health.

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968, came into force on 1st October, 1968. As a result acute influenzal pneumonia, acute primary pneumonia, acute rheumatism, puerperal fever, erysipelas and membranous croup became no longer notifiable, but tetanus, leptospirosis and yellow fever became notifiable for the first time. In addition, the powers of a Local Authority to require a person to stop work in order to prevent spread of infection were extended to permit of action in cases of food poisoning.

SMALLPOX.

Towards the end of October a suspected case of minor smallpox in Measham was brought to my notice. A practitioner designated to assist Medical Officers of Health in the diagnosis of smallpox was called in in consultation and although he expressed the opinion that the patient was probably not suffering from smallpox all the usual steps in dealing with such a case were taken apart from embarking on vaccination.

Pathological specimens were submitted to the Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, and within five or six days these were finally reported on as negative. In the meantime, the patient and her family contacts were isolated at home, her parents, (both of whom went to work), were requested, by certificate, to exclude themselves from work and compensation was eventually paid to the father for loss of earnings.

On receipt of the final negative report all restrictions were removed and the patient shortly returned to work. The Ministry of Health were informed of the position on the first day of the alarm and close contact was maintained throughout with the County Medical Officer of Health.

The actual diagnosis remains in some doubt - possibly a simple papular urticaria, but it is considered that, even so, all the extra work involved was well worth while.

TUBERCULOSIS.

3 cases of respiratory tuberculosis - 2 males and 1 female - all in the 55 - 64 age group, were notified, as well as one case of non-respiratory tuberculosis in a young male in the 20 - 24 age group. One death - a female in the 65 - 75 age group - occurred.

The Leicester Area Mass Radiography Unit carried out X-ray survey at local coal mines, and the results referable to this area are shown below :

	Initial X-Ray.			Cardiac.		Pneumo- coniosis.		Malignant Neoplasm.	
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New Lount.	191	5	196	1	-	1	-	1	-
Outwoods Repair Depot.	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleorton Hall.	228	108	336	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	430	113	543	2	-	1	-	1	-

No cases of tuberculosis, bronchiectasis, non-malignant neoplasm or sarcoid were detected.

Patients suspected to be suffering from respiratory tuberculosis are referred either to the Chest Clinic at Markfield Hospital by appointment or to the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION.

So many people are going abroad now on holiday or on business that a word in season may not be out of place to those who intend doing so.

Different countries have different regulations as to immunisation procedures to be undertaken by intending visitors so it is most desirable that people intending to travel to foreign countries should ascertain from their travel agents, in good time, what immunisations are required. This information, if conveyed to their general practitioner, gives him a reasonable chance to carry out the necessary programme at the proper intervals. "Crash" programmes are never so reliable and the patient is more likely to suffer unpleasant reactions whilst the immunity afforded will probably be less than is desirable.

An International Certificate of Vaccination is required to be signed by the doctor carrying out the treatment - stocks of the necessary forms should be held by the practitioner - and once signed by him should be submitted to the Medical Officer of Health of the area in which the practitioner practices for authentication of his signature by an approved stamp. Failure to do so, or to see that the certificate is otherwise properly completed, may result in difficulty at the point of embarkation and perhaps, more surprisingly, in difficulty in re-entering Britain.

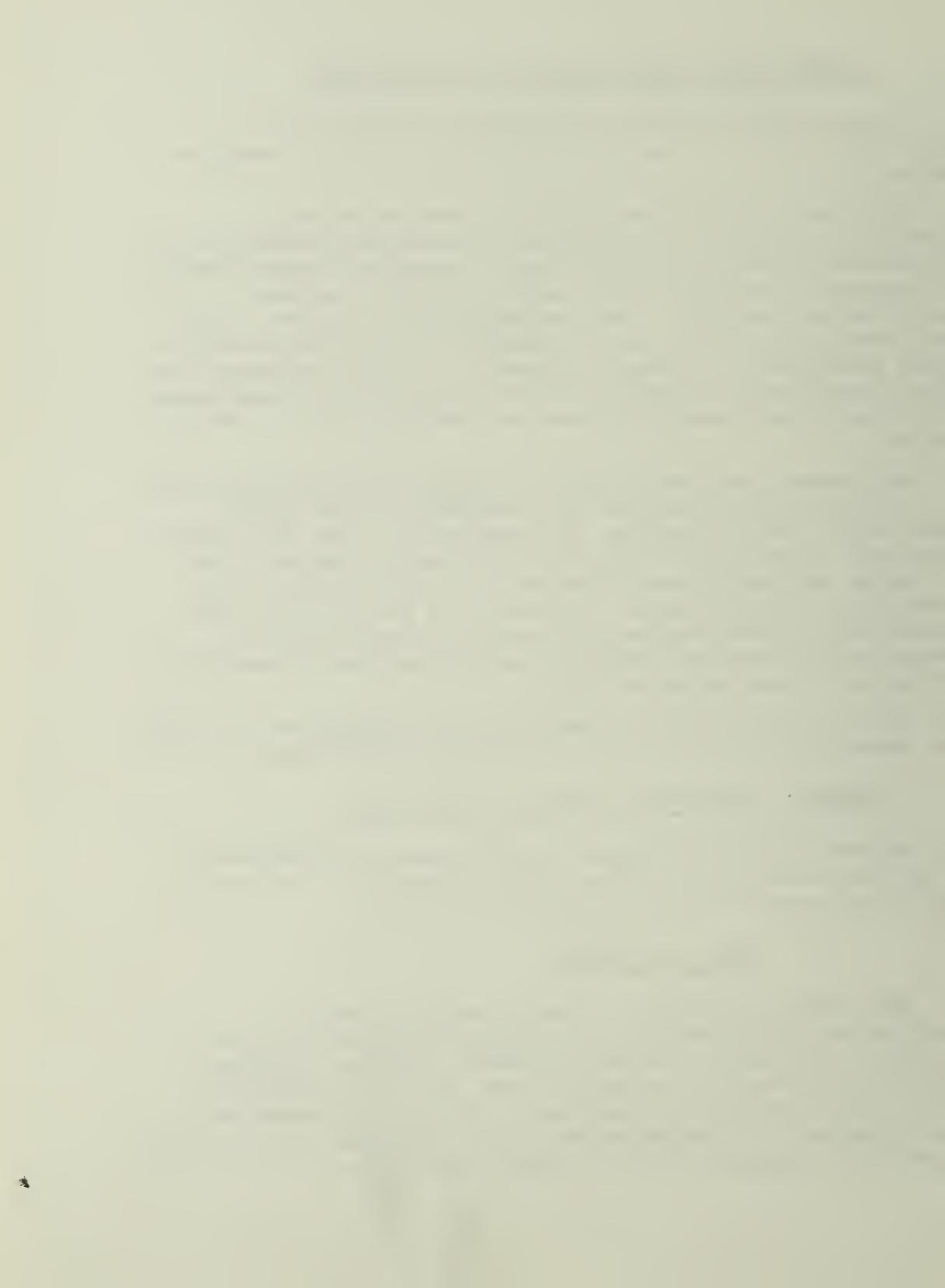
No record of certificates submitted for stamping has been kept, but the number dealt with is regarded as fairly considerable.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951.

No formal action was found to be necessary under the above Acts, but some informal supervision was undertaken in a few cases, usually in co-operation with the patient's own doctor,

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This service continues to function satisfactorily. Applications are vetted and for this purpose 13 visits, involving 15 persons were made, whilst 6 follow-up visits, involving 6 persons, were paid in an attempt to assess the actual need of these persons, and in all cases the need was confirmed. Not all applicants are considered suitable for participation, but the criteria of need seems to be gradually changing and must be kept under review.



Two districts are served embracing the villages of Measham, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Packington on the one hand, and Ravenstone, Swannington, Coleorton and Worthington on the other. 24 meals are available to each area twice a week and thanks are due to the members of the WRVS for their continued help in administering the scheme, delivering the meals, and, perhaps most of all, for the kindness and cheerfulness shown by them to the recipients - a much appreciated visit. Thanks are also extended to those who give facilities for the preparation of the meals - in all, a very worthy joint effort.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1968.

There was no new legislation during the year which had any immediate effect upon the department, and routine work continued.

The Ramscliff Avenue area of Donisthorpe continued to suffer the effects of mining subsidence, and it was necessary to prepare a scheme for the re-laying of storm and foul sewers on this estate, and, in addition, a new pumping station had to be built. The total cost was about £22,000. The majority of the work was completed by the end of the year, but the tenants had suffered very considerable inconvenience.

The new housing development off Atherstone Road, Measham, was completed, including the provision of the district heating plant - the first plant to deal with such a comparatively small number of houses, and delegations from Councils all over the country visited the site to inspect the plant and obtain information regarding its operation - I am given to understand that, as a result of these visits, a number of Authorities decided to go ahead with similar schemes.

For the first time planning applications for the erection of dwellings on single plots in various villages were refused by the Council because of lack of capacity at sewage disposal works - the Council had no alternative. One can appreciate that, should there be a considerable number of single plots in a village, then the cumulative effect of allowing these to be built upon would be equal to permitting a housing estate to be developed, but where only a handful of "singles" exist in a village, it appears to me that there would be no harm in allowing development, as a very minor amount of infilling could have little effect on the sewage works, and, at the year end, arrangements were being made to have a meeting with the Trent River Authority to discuss this.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External standpipes.		Well water supply.	
No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.
5,001	Est: 13,600	Est: 21	Est: 63	Est: 50	Est: 175

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16 from private reservoirs : Nil.

Number of parishes without a piped supply : 1 (part) - Bardon.

Water supply from Wells.

Number of samples taken for analysis.			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.	Bacteriological.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	2

The following figures were supplied by the Engineer to the North West Leicestershire Water Board.

Piped Supplies.		Results of Analyses.	
Bacteriological.		Chemical.	
Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
72	Nil.	122	Nil.

Extensions of public water supplies :

1. Improvements to distribution system, Donisthorpe - 983 yards of 6" main from the Engine Inn, Donisthorpe to Measham Road, Donisthorpe.
2. Housing development :
 - (a) River Way housing site - 465 yards 8" main, 479 yards 4" main and 89 yards 3" main.
 - (b) Pat Pateman & Son, Atherstone Road, Measham - 273 yards 6" main and 155 yards 3" main.
 - (c) The Wolds Building Co. Ltd., Appleby Magna - 170 yards 4" main, 184 yards 3" main.
 - (d) Newbold Holdings Ltd., Appleby Magna - 191 yards 4" main and 63 yards 3" main.
3. Development - Fisons Pharmacouticals Ltd., Osgathorpe - 612 yards 3" main.
4. Road Works, Packington - 256 yards 4" main.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The position at the year end was as follows :

<u>Appleby Magna.</u>	Main part of village sewered. Appleby Parva and Bowley's Lane area still require sewers.
<u>Acresford.</u>	Scheme in course of preparation. Negotiations in progress for purchase of land for pumping station.
<u>Bardon.</u>	Scattered area - impossible to sewer.
<u>Chilcote.</u>	Scheme in course of preparation.
<u>Coleorton.</u>	Levels being taken to determine possible line of sewers with a view to the area being drained to Worthington.
<u>Donisthorpe.</u>	Most of work of reconstruction of existing works completed. Scheme prepared and agreed with the National Coal Board for new pumping station at the bottom of Moira Road; re-laying of sewers in the cricket field area, and new pumping main to existing station at the bottom of The Hill, Donisthorpe. Majority of foul and surface water sewers re-laid in Ramscliff Avenue and new pumping station constructed.
<u>Heather.</u>	Enlargement of these works necessary to deal with new development. Works already overloaded.
<u>Measham and Oakthorpe.</u>	Emergency alterations completed to deal with new housing development in Atherstone Road and scheme being prepared for enlargement of works. New pumping station constructed in Tamworth Road to replace ejector station and so deal with offluent from the Atherstone Road area.

<u>Normanton-le-Heath.</u>	Detailed scheme in course of preparation in order to invite tenders for work.
<u>Osgathorpe.</u>	Pumped to Coalville Urban District Council.
<u>Packington.</u>	Scheme completed.
<u>Ravenstone.</u>	Detailed scheme in course of preparation in order to invite tenders for new replacement works.
<u>Snarestone.</u>	These works deal with effluent from Appleby Magna, Snarestone, Newton Burgo-land and Slepstone, and are working to maximum capacity. A scheme for enlargement was submitted to the Ministry, but, after a public inquiry, the scheme was deferred - satisfactory samples are being obtained.
<u>Swannington.</u>	Pumped to Coalville Urban District Council.
<u>Slepstone and Newton Burgoland.</u>	Scheme completed.
<u>Worthington.</u>	Works overloaded - investigations being made.
Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand.	275
Blocked sewers.	34
Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations.	215
Ditches cleaned out.	4
Number of septic tanks /cesspools constructed during the year.	14
Number of septic tanks/cesspools abolished during the year.	17
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in the district at 31st December, 1968.	463
Sewers rolled or repaired.	9

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/
Standard Grants).

New drainage systems laid to sewer.	5
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets.	7
Pail closets abolished.	7
Visits of inspection.	14
Septic tanks provided.	1

A grant of £30. 0. Od., or half the cost, whichever is the lower, is given towards closet conversion.

Closet accommodation.

Total number in district at 31st December, 1968 :

Privies : Nil. Pail Closets : 338 Water Closets : 4,782

COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received, together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied.	21
Complaints received.	69
Premises inspected.	69
Groundless complaints.	5
Revisits to work in hand.	181
Premises at which nuisances abated.	46
Informal notices served.	23
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared, (does not include sewers).	14
Cesspools cleansed or repaired (other than routine emptying).	9
Damp walls remedied.	9
Ditches cleaned out.	8
Chimney stacks repaired.	3
Fireplaces repaired or new ones provided.	3
Plastering repaired.	15
Roofs repaired.	11
Offensive accumulations removed.	3
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed.	6
Floors repaired.	11
Miscellaneous nuisances abated.	9
Cellar flooding abated.	3
Fly or insect nuisances.	4
Windows repaired.	22
Smoke nuisance abated.	1
Animal nuisance abated.	1
Water closets repaired.	2
Yards repaired.	1
Dangerous buildings made safe or demolished.	3
Doors repaired or renewed.	8
Miscellaneous visits.	116

Inspections made.

Animal keeping.	20
Bakehouses.	8
Drainage Works.	289
Dwelling houses.	722
Infectious Diseases.	3
Food Poisoning.	14
Food Premises.	259
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	404
Rodent Control (other than those carried out by Rodent Operator).	11
Shops and Offices.	135
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection.	139
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	24
Water supplies.	5
Factories and workplaces.	52
Other inspections.	<u>1,002</u>
	<u>3,087</u>

Notices.

Preliminary.

Outstanding on 1st January, 1968.	-
Issued during the year.	-
Complied with during the year.	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1968.	-

Housing. Public Health.

9
23
21
11

Statutory.

Outstanding on 1st January, 1968.	-
Issued during the year.	-
Complied with during the year.	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1968.	-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT,
1963,

An additional Animal Boarding Establishment was licensed during the year, making a total of four premises in the district.

Routine inspections were carried out to ensure that the standards laid down by the Act were maintained.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There is little movement from the Appleby Magna site by residents, and the site has, in fact, become, in all but name, a small housing site, (although 2 plots have been vacant during part of the year).

Charges at the site are as follows :

Daily tenancy	:	5/- per day.
Weekly tenancy	:	25/- per week.
Electricity supply in van	:	by 2/- meter.

No great difficulties were experienced in dealing with persons occupying vans in the district on unauthorised sites.

A total of 24 visits were made to caravan sites.

Total number of sites licensed : 24

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS
ACT, 1949.

The Council's Rodent Operator was employed full time during the year - although part of his actual working time was spent in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District - an average of 8 hours per week.

Infestations dealt with	:	388
Inspections by Rodent Operator	:	2,354

The sewers throughout the district were also treated for infestation. A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was present when this was carried out.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES
ACT, 1963.

Routine inspections have been maintained throughout the year, and, where necessary, steps were taken to ensure that the premises complied with the provisions laid down by the Act.

When employers engage staff for a period of over 21 hours per week they should notify the Local Authority, but, despite a certain amount of publicity when the Act came into force, notification to the Authority concerned has never been very successful, and it is only when visits are made to premises and employers are warned, that notifications are made.

Four accidents were returned during the year - one female and three males, respectively, being involved. These occurred in a warehouse premise, and, whilst the injuries were not serious, the firm in question were written to and requested to take steps to improve discipline and impress upon the employees the need for greater care in carrying out their respective duties.

A circular was received from the Ministry of Labour indicating a suggested lighting standard for premises and, whilst the general standard of lighting in the offices and shops, etc. in the district is reasonable, steps are being taken to bring it up to the standard laid down, where necessary.

Type of Premises.	Businesses Registered.	Inspections made.	Contraventions.		
			Found.	Remedied.	Outstanding at 31.12.68.
Offices.	1	14	5	5	-
Retail Shops.	2	99	18	13	7
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses, &c.	-	4	4	2	2
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens, &c.	-	15	3	3	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	3	-	-	-
TOTAL.	3	135	30	23	9

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Houses completed during the year.	TYPE.		Average cost per house, excluding site works and land.	Weekly Rent (exclusive of rates) and heating charges.
	Prefab: Permanent.	Permanent.		
By Local Authority.	-	181 houses and flats. 6 dwellings.	3 bed: houses - £2,905 4 bed: houses - £3,075 2 bed: flats - £2,475 3 bed: houses - £2,569 2 bed: bungalows £2,145	Rent £2. 3. 7. H.C. £1. 2. 9. Rent £2. 5. 10. H.C. £1. 4. 6. Rent £1. 19. 4. H.C. 19. 6. Rent £1. 16. 8. Rent £1. 8. 10.
Private Enterprise.	-	93	-	-

Houses in course of construction at year end.

Local Authority.	-	16	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	85	-	-

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority.	...	1,003
Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise.	...	898
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	...	157
Total number of applications for Council houses received during year.	...	272
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939.	...	316
Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council and renovated.	...	19
Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council and in course of renovation.	...	4
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district.	...	1,339
Total number of occupied houses in the district.	...	4,901

The River Way housing site was completed during the year, 181 dwellings were erected on this site. The site was originally developed at the request of the National Coal Board to house miners who were to be transferred to this area from the North, but, during the year, there was a change of National Coal Board policy and only 69 nominees of the National Coal Board were rehoused, the remaining houses being let by this Council to people from slum clearance property and in general need.

New buildings, additions, extensions, improvements, etc.

New dwellings by Local Authority.	... . .	187
New houses by private enterprise.	... . .	93
New houses drained to sewer.	... . .	278
New houses drained to septic tanks.	... . .	2
New houses with water from public main.	... . .	280
Kitchens.	... . .	8
New houses with water closets.	... . .	280
Garages completed.	... . .	57
Bathrooms and hot water systems.	... . .	56
Bedrooms.	... . .	3
Agricultural buildings.	... . .	2
Offices.	... . .	1
Verandah, conservatories.	... . .	8
Livingroom.	... . .	1
Greenhouses.	... . .	1
Shop.	... . .	1
Miscellaneous.	... . .	16
Visits of inspection.	... . .	525
Visits to Council properties.	... . .	193

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Applications for planning permission were higher than last year, 214 applications being dealt with.

BUILDING REGULATIONS.

During the year 180 applications were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations, a reduction compared with the previous year.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

48 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase, and, in the majority of cases, loans were approved. 53 visits of inspection were made.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

These grants are discretionary, Councils themselves being able to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Almost all of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of Improvement Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied. tenanted.	- 2
Number of Conversion Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied. tenanted.	- 1
Number of Improvement Grants refused.		-
Dwellings improved during the year and contributions paid by Local Authority.		3
Number of works completed.		5
Total amount Council have paid by way of grant.		£1,781. 5. 0d.
Bathrooms.		3
Wash hand basins.		3
Hot water systems.		3
Sinks provided.		1
Water closets provided.		5
Drainage.		2
New windows and repairs to windows.		10
New floors.		7
Fireplaces.		4
New food stores.		2
Septic tanks provided.		2
Staircases.		2
Electricity laid on.		1
Water supply laid on.		1
Cooking facilities.		1
Landing.		1

Damp proof courses.	2
Roofs repaired.	3
Power points provided.	14
Eaves gutters and rain water pipes.	2
External paving.	2
Walls plastered.	6
Ceilings plastered.	7
Pointing to walls.	2
Visits and revisits.	59
Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers).	377

Grants approved by Parishes.

Measham.	1
Osgathorpe.	1
Staunton Harold.	1

STANDARD GRANTS.

Standard Grants are not discretionary, all Local Authorities must make a grant where the property has a life of not less than 15 years. The amounts which must be given are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, and grant can only be given in order to provide certain amenities, i.e. (a) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom; (b) a wash hand basin; (c) a hot water system; (d) a water closet in the dwelling; and (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

Applications approved.	owner/occupied.	48
	tenanted.	15
Works completed and contributions paid by Local Authority.		59
Total paid by way of grant.		£9,454. 2. 11d.

Fixed baths.	48
Wash hand basins.	50
Hot and cold water supply to baths.	47
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basins.	49
Hot water supply to kitchen sinks.	46
Internal water closets.	52
Food Stores.	38
Septic tanks.	1
Hot and cold water supply to kitchen sinks.	2
Taking water into the house for the first time.	2
Visits and revisits.	263
Total number of offers made since introduction of scheme, (including informal offers).	583

All the owners of property in the Rural District have now been written to and informed of the availability of grants, loans, etc. for the renovation of property, and have had sketch plans indicating various ways of carrying out the work.

Grants approved by Parishes.

Coleorton.	6
Donisthorpe.	5
Heather.	6
Measham.	8
Newton Burgoland.	2
Newbold.	1
Oakthorpe.	4
Ravenstone.	5
Snarestone.	1
Swannington.	17
Worthington.	1

General.

A total of 279 Improvement Grants and 375 Standard Grants have now been approved to the owners of properties in the Rural District, and detailed discussions held with a further 204 owners who have been informed that grants would be recommended to the Council.

RENT ACT, 1957.

Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1957.

There have been no applications for certificates of dis-repair during the year.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

Houses Demolished.	Houses Demolished.	Displaced during year.	
		Persons.	Families.
<u>In Clearance Areas.</u>			
Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	-	-
Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	4	24	7
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Order.	-	-	-
<u>Unfit houses closed.</u>			
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	4	-	-
Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

Houses demolished for other reasons	:	45
Houses lost by conversion	:	2
Houses gained by conversion	:	-
Number of Demolition Orders made	:	9

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
After informal action by Local Authority.	11	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts.	14	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

Visits of inspection : 89

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for manufacture only.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for retail only.	...	69
Number of samples taken.	...	42
Results of samples :	Grade I	27
	Grade II	14
	Grade III	-
	Grade IV	1

Ice Cream is purchased from National Manufacturers, with two exceptions - Manufacturers in adjoining districts.

Milk Supply.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors
(Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

Number on Register	:	Dairies	1
		Distributors	2
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	4

Biological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

Number of routine bulk samples taken	:	21
Results satisfactory.	:	20
Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli.	:	Nil
Evidence of living Brucella Abortis.	:	1
Individual Samples.	:	20

Meat and other Foods.

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area.	:	2
Number of animals slaughtered therein.	:	524
Number of animals examined therein.	:	524
Number of animals inspected at time of slaughter.	:	208
Number of Knackers yards in area.	:	1
Number of visits to Knackers yards.	:	7
Number of visits to slaughterhouses.	:	140
Number of visits to butchers' shops.	:	24

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food Premises in Categories.	Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises which will comply with Regulation 19.
Number of licensed premises..... 45	45	45
Number of Cafes, restaurants, &c. 4	4	4
Number of General Stores..... 45	45	44
Number of Works Canteens..... 5	5	5
Number of Butchers' Shops..... 7	7	7
Number of School Canteens..... 16	16	16
Number of Off-licensed Shops.... 6	6	6
Number of Fish and Chip Shops... 3	3	3
Number of Greengrocers' Shops... 3	3	3

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number of premises inspected	:	134
Number of inspections made for the purpose	:	259
Number of informal notices served	:	38
Number of informal notices complied with	:	25
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1968.	:	16
Number of premises modernised	:	1
Number with hot water supply laid on	:	-
Number of premises cleaned and redecorated	:	6
Number of shops closed, (voluntary)	:	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

- Whilst there was no new food hygiene legislation during the year efforts were continued in an attempt to improve the standard of hygiene in shops, cafes, etc.

In this kind of work progress is somewhat slow since it often means persuading a person to abandon food handling habits which may have been practised over a long period. Despite the difficulties it is encouraging to feel that progress is being made in this field.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1966.

The above Regulations provided that as from November this year the use of wiping cloths for the purpose of wiping an animal carcase during the process of dressing should be discontinued. The butchers who carry out slaughtering in the district were notified of this, and water sprays have been provided in place of the cloths.

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

The reduction in the number of animals slaughtered in the district has continued until almost the year end, when there was a slight increase in numbers. The reduction is partly due to staffing difficulties with one of the butchers, the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, and the need for locally purchased animals to be graded at a Grading Centre.

Both slaughterhouses in the district received visits from the Veterinary Surgeon employed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed.	212	15	-	285	12
Number inspected.	212	15	-	285	12
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	50	8	-	7	3
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	23.58%	53.33%	-	2.46%	25.0%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and total condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part I of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provision as to Health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
(ii) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	37	33	8
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	15 52	19 52	— 8

No. of cases in which defects were found.

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	8	8	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111).	<u>Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 111 (1) (c).</u>
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Wearing apparel making, etc.	13
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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Tipping of refuse has continued in the old railway cutting off Stoney Lane, Coleorton, and in the canal bed at Measham. There has been no tipping of house refuse at the Donisthorpe tip during the year.

The search for additional tipping land continued and we were successful in finding land at Lount which will be suitable, both for this Authority and for Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council. Planning permission has been obtained and loan sanction for purchase of the land has been approved. A tree planting scheme, which is to be provided for screening purposes, has been agreed with the County Council. Unfortunately the haul for the majority of this Council's refuse will be very considerably increased when this tip is brought into use.

The Council agreed that a $5\frac{1}{2}$ working day refuse collection be provided where possible to replace the existing $6\frac{1}{4}$ working day collection. This is now carried out over about 2/3rds of the district. Steps were also taken to minimise the dislocation caused by refuse collector's holidays. Where the refuse collection teams are not responsible for pan emptying the men take their holidays at the same time, and then work overtime on their return to work to get the service back to normal; the men employed in the team who have to empty pans weekly stagger their holidays, but delays are kept to a minimum by overtime and assistance from the sewage works staff. It is hoped, ultimately, to improve the service over the whole of the district.

PETROLEUM.

Visits were made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspected; the tanks, pipe lines, etc. inspected and tested before a license to use is issued.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

46 visits of inspection were made. There had been further minor damage throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings.

STREET LIGHTING.

Vandalism continued to be a source of nuisance, the police being notified in each instance.

Agreement was entered into with the Leicestershire County Council regarding the lamps which should be automatically transferred to that Authority following the Street Lighting Local Government Act, 1966. A scheme was being prepared for consideration by the Council in order that a decision could be made as to whether or not to bring lighting generally throughout the district up to full street lighting standards with a view to the County Council taking over the whole of the lighting throughout the Rural District.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council, for the consideration you have shown to myself and my staff during the year under review.

I wish to thank the Clerk of the Council, Dr. Hamilton, the Accountant and Housing Manager for help and advice, and the members of my own staff for their support and conscientious work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.S. CURTIS.

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